

WHOLESOME SMILES MOBILE DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICE

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Dear House Health Policy Members:

My name is Donna Poole and I am a registered dental hygienist and a Public Act 161 provider in the state of Michigan. The past five years has given me the opportunity to provide access to care to the underserved and the uninsured. Through the five years I have concluded that a second pair of hands will aid in an increase to quality oral hygiene care to the under/uninsured population.

I am writing today to urge you to vote yes on the pending substitute for HB 4718 which we understand will be taken up in committee on March 22nd in House Health Policy. The bill authorizes the registered dental hygienist the ability to utilize a "second pair of hands" if assigned by the supervising dentist. This is vital not only with the advent of successful collaborative preventive oral health practice, but also in the private office. The substitute bill was worked through with the Michigan Dental Association. The substitute removes the registered dental hygienist as the one supervising and authorizes a second pair of hands if assigned by the supervising dentist. It does not increase scope but does allow safer, more effective and efficient treatment for the Public.

I hope you will agree with me the pending substitute for HB 4718 should become law so we can provide the best of preventive care in Michigan.

I look forward to your reply

Sincerely



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